



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

# South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.25 inches to 5.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

## Crops

Most of the state saw cooler temperatures and scattered showers during the week. Corn planting and emergence continued to progress. Some corn fields in the Lowcountry region that had been drowned out were replanted. Cotton and peanut planting began in some areas, however cool temperatures delayed some fields from planting. Tobacco fields continued to be transplanted. Winter wheat heading continued to progress ahead of historical levels. Both strawberries and blueberries were being harvested and noted to be in good condition. Growers in the Pee Dee region were planting peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, watermelon, and cantaloupes.

## Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures continued to be relatively good condition around the state. Cool nighttime temperatures were slowing the growth of warm season grasses; however they are encouraging of fescue and overseeded pastures to put on new growth after cutting.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	94	84	91	94
Corn - Emerged .....	82	62	75	83
Cotton - Planted.....	5	1	3	8
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	26	10	32	21
Peanuts - Planted .....	4	2	7	11
Soybeans - Planted .....	3	0	3	3
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	33	18	35	47
Winter wheat - Headed .....	72	70	85	77

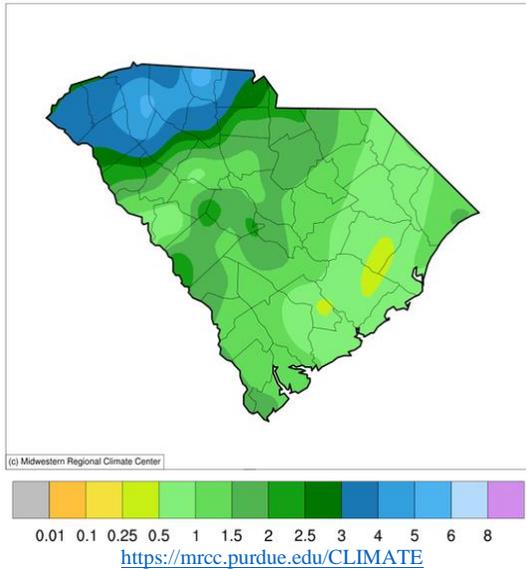
## Conditions for Week Ending 04/30/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	14	78	6
Corn .....	0	9	26	54	11
Pasture and range .....	1	2	22	67	8
Peaches .....	0	16	46	38	0
Winter wheat.....	0	2	19	68	11

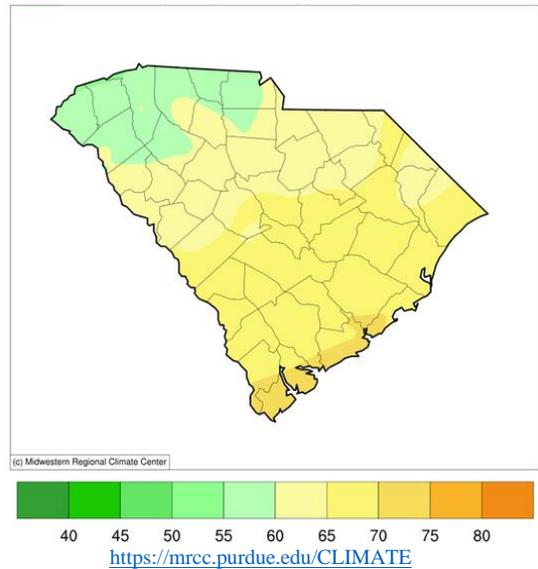
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/30/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short.....	12	3
Adequate .....	72	76
Surplus .....	14	21
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	0
Short.....	9	0
Adequate .....	75	84
Surplus .....	15	16

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 24, 2023 to April 30, 2023



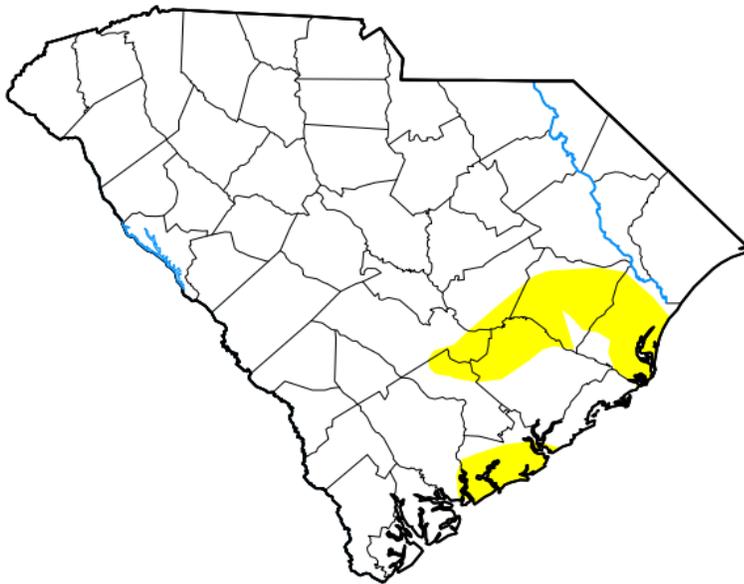
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 24, 2023 to April 30, 2023



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2023.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**April 25, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 27, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	91.44	8.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-18-2023	89.03	10.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-24-2023	54.90	45.10	11.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-26-2022	59.20	40.80	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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